



December 30, 2015

Mr. Michael Antonovich, Chairperson
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street, Room 869
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Chairperson Antonovich:

On December 23, 2015, the U.S. Department of Agriculture granted a Secretarial disaster designation for the primary counties of **Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Marin, San Benito, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Sonoma, Trinity, Tulare, Ventura** and the contiguous counties of **Alameda, Humboldt, Inyo, Lake, Los Angeles, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Mono, Monterey, Napa, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Siskiyou, Stanislaus, Tehama, and Tuolumne** due to agricultural losses caused by drought beginning January 2, 2015, and continuing.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is providing the enclosed information regarding this designation. Please inform potential applicants throughout your county of this designation and information.

Sincerely,

KARMA HACKNEY
Individual Assistance Officer

Enclosure

- c: Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Services
Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner
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U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Designation

USDA #S3943 - Drought

Designation Information

The following table illustrates the designation information.

Eligible Primary County/Counties:	Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Marin, San Benito, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Sonoma, Trinity, Tulare, Ventura
Eligible Contiguous County/Counties:	Alameda, Humboldt, Inyo, Lake, Los Angeles, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Mono, Monterey, Napa, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Siskiyou, Stanislaus, Tehama, Tuolumne
Event:	Drought beginning January 2, 2015, and continuing
Assistance made available by designation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency farm loans for both physical and crop production losses as a direct result of the disaster • Up to a maximum of \$500,000
Application deadline:	August 23, 2016
Who may apply:	Farmers and ranchers who conduct family-sized farming operations
How to apply:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office listed in the local telephone directory under U.S. Government, Agriculture • Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD)
USDA website for additional information:	https://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=efl